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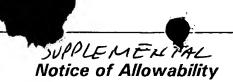
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. ☐ This communication is responsive to Amendment E filed on 9/01/00 ∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-113 ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received. received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). \*Certified copies not received: Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). □ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS Because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal. including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner. including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment. Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included. Attachment(s) ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ■ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152 ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413 □ Examiner's Amendment/Comment Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: 1.

The prior art of record fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious "a media inventory listing of at least the stored audio items . . . a user can select a plurality of items to be presented and wherein others of the instructions enable the user to select a named, prestored play list . . . the selected list simultaneously on another part of the same display . . ." combined with "the selected list thereby creating a modified play list, including instructions enabling the user to save the modified play list . . . ".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the 2. examiner should be directed to Alford Kindred whose telephone number is (703) 305-3802.

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